# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the World Bank is now suggesting in the name of free trade that Indian farmers should grow vegetables and flowers only instead of producing foodgrains;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): There is no proposal for growing of horticultural crops including vegetables and flowers through World Bank assistance.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

(i) Macro Management in Agriculture - Supplementation/Complementation of State efforts through Work Plan

(ii) Technology Mission for integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal (TMNE). Under these Schemes assistance is being provided for development of horticulture including vegetables and flowers. Besides, Government is contemplating to launch National Horticulture Mission so that further focus could be given for development of these crops.